

2017 NPDES Remediation General Permit (RGP)



Informational Presentation

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Introduction to the RGP

- First issued in 2005
- Reissued in 2010, when the 2005 RGP expired
- Expired in September 2015
- Reissued March 9, 2017
- Approximately 750 discharges authorized to date



Key Dates for the Reissued RGP

- Effective Date: April 8, 2017
- Deadline to submit a Notice of Intent:
 - Existing Discharges – July 7, 2017
 - Emergency Discharges – Within 14 days after April 8, 2017
 - New Discharges – 7 days prior
- Deadline for filing a petition for review in a U.S. Court of Appeals: July 21, 2017
- Expires: April 8, 2022



Discharges Eligible for the RGP

- 1) Petroleum-related site remediation
- 2) Non-petroleum-related site remediation
- 3) Contaminated site dewatering
- 4) Pipeline and tank dewatering
- 5) Aquifer pump testing
- 6) Well development/rehabilitation
- 7) Collection structure dewatering/remediation
- 8) Dredge-related dewatering



Several Major Changes in the RGP

Selected Requirement	2010 Permit Requirement	2017 Permit Requirement
Emergency Discharges	Not included	14-day provisional coverage; notification required
Chemical-Specific Limits	Appendix III, dilution factor applies to metals, chloride, TRC	Table 2.1.1, dilution factor applies to any WQBEL, but WQBEL must be calculated
Activity Categories	Activity category and activity sub-category determines parameters	Activity category and contamination type determines parameters
Monitoring	12-24 months influent and effluent; test methods and MLs specified	6 months influent and effluent; receiving water; sufficiently sensitive test methods and MLs
Reporting	Upon request	All discharges upon NOT; >12 months use NetDMR
Submittals	Hard copy accepted, fillable NOI, NOC and NOT, annual recertification required	Electronic submission by 2020, fillable NOI, NOC, NOT, Appendix V and VI, Appendix VIII

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need the RGP?

Is my discharge new or existing?

If I submitted a NOI before March 9, what do I do now?

When will my discharge be authorized?

What parameters do I sample for?

Can I use existing data for the monitoring requirements?

What test methods am I supposed to use?

Do I have to sample the receiving water?

What do I do if parameters not included in the RGP are present at my site?

How do I calculate WQBELs?

What if the WQBELs in the calculator look incorrect?



For More Information:

<https://www3.epa.gov/region1/npdes/rgp.html>

Permit documents are provided in PDF format

Fillable electronic formats are provided for key permit requirements

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